



MEDIA RELEASE

**Mendota Heights Police Department
West St. Paul Police Department**



**FROM: Chief Mike Aschenbrener, Mendota Heights Police Department
Lieutenant Brian Sturgeon, West St. Paul Police Department**

DATE: July 30, 2014

RE: Death of Mendota Heights Police Officer

We are profoundly saddened to report that at approximately 12:20 p.m., Mendota Heights Police Officer Scott Patrick was critically injured in the area of Smith Avenue and Dodd Road during a traffic stop. Officers and medical personnel responded and transported Officer Patrick to Regions Hospital in St. Paul, where he died.

Officer Patrick, 47, was a member of the Mendota Heights Police Department from 1995 to the present. Officer Patrick was a patrol officer at the department for most of his career. Officer Patrick leaves behind a wife and two teenage children.

Initial information indicates that Officer Patrick had stopped a vehicle in the area of Smith Avenue and Dodd Road, at which time he was shot. Police are following leads at this time and are seeking the public's help to locate Brian Fitch Sr., 39, of the South Saint Paul and West Saint Paul area.

Anyone with information regarding this individual is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS. A reward is being offered.

An investigation is underway by the West St. Paul Police Department, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and Saint Paul Police Department.